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Re: Homeless encampments increasing in Hollywood

Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 8:44 PM

To: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Joe Salaices <joe.salaices@lacity.org>

Cc: Pat Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Alisa Orduna <alisa.orduna@lacity.org>, Daniel Halden <Daniel.Halden@lacity.org>, Jose Monge <jose.monge@lacity.org>, Javier Solis <javier.solis@lacity.org>, Sophia Pinacortez <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>

I have been in a recent meeting regarding Selma with the Council Office, LAPD, and RAP on site. Expanding this email with Daniel Halden from the Council Office. My team can respond as needed.

Albert Torres

Captain

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On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 6:29 PM, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> wrote:

Sir,

Per Alisa Orduna's request, can we send a Ranger to Selma Children's Park tomorrow? Address is 6567 Selma Avenue in Hollywood.

I will get a time they want the Ranger there shortly.

Please let me know

On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 6:07 PM Alisa Orduna <alisa.orduna@lacity.org> wrote:

Thanks Adel!

+ Jimmy from RAP

Jimmy- I know this is a pocket park, but can we deploy park rangers out to Selma Children's Park tomorrow? Address is 6567 Selma Avenue in Hollywood.

On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 6:04 PM, Adel Hagekhalil <adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org> wrote:

The west hope team is deployed on 2/6.

Copying our sanitation team to look into locations.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 25, 2017, at 5:59 PM, Alisa Orduna <alisa.orduna@lacity.org> wrote:

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> Good evening Sgt. Fox and Steven (and all on the chain)

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> I wanted to bring the following email to your attention. Open to ideas on

> how to address by anyone on this chain.

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> I am thinking that maybe we start with the timeline from L.A. Sanitation

> on when they are deploying the West Rapid Response Team and then meet to

> develop a 30 day strategy that we can deploy in this community. But again

> open so please chime in.

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> I think we should plan on meeting with this community on February 13th.

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> Thank you,

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> Alisa

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> ----- Forwarded message -----

> From: Kerry Morrison [REDACTED]

> Date: Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 5:21 PM

> Subject: Homeless encampments increasing in Hollywood

> To: Heather Repenning <heather.repenning@lacity.org>, Alisa Orduna <

> alisa.orduna@lacity.org>

> Cc: Mark Echeverria [REDACTED], "Fabio Conti - Fabiolus Cafe (

> [REDACTED] Daniel Halden <

> Daniel.Halden@lacity.org>, Joseph Mariani [REDACTED]

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- > Greetings Alisa and Heather,
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- > I wanted to take a moment to convey the frustration and concern simmering
- > in our community as we begin the new year. I think it is important you
- > know what is going on, so you can be our voice at City Hall. (P.S. I am
- > copying Dan from the council office here, who knows I would be reaching out
- > to you, because this requires involvement from the top of our city. I am
- > also copying the board presidents for the two BIDs we manage, because these
- > issues have dominated our recent board meetings.)
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- > Though we are all aware that we are in a crisis mode with respect to
- > homelessness, what seems to be increasing are the *encampments that are

> taking over sidewalks, encroaching upon businesses and residential sections

> of the two BIDs and adjacent to our local schools. * I have attached just a

> couple of photos from this month – but there are many more.

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> We are under the impression that something has shifted with respect to

> enforcement and clean up – the court settlement which had allowed for

> people to live on the public right of way from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. seems to

> have given way to *all day camping* now. We certainly understand that

> there may have been some relaxing of the rules given inclement weather, but

> as the spring approaches, can you advise as to the plan?

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> We are told that even when Sanitation shows up and the people living in the

> tents point out where they have piled their refuse, it will not be taken

> away because there is protocol on how to deal with that. LAPD seems to

- > have their hands tied with respect to enforcement -- despite open drug use
- > evident in some areas. Our BID maintenance teams are reeling under the
- > burden of cleaning up litter and washing down sidewalks and gutters
- > impacted by urine and human feces. On a weekly basis, our crew is
- > cleaning up drug paraphernalia in spots frequented by homeless drug users.
- > In these hot spots, our team will find crack pipes, cooking instruments,
- > spoons and syringes. We spend our time and resources to safely dispose of
- > these items and sanitize the sites.
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- > Our concern is that as this situation grows more entrenched, and the rules
- > are liberalized, Los Angeles will become a sanctuary of sorts – as people
- > are gravitating to live on streets within the city boundaries because
- > neighboring cities are not accommodating these encampments.
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- > Our BID is taking calls on a daily basis from frustrated community members,
- > and we are hard-pressed to respond. The comments I receive range from:
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- > - The city is allowing a culture of *lawlessness* to take over the
- > sidewalks
- > - Potential tenants are *scared away* from signing leases as they drive
- > around Hollywood
- > - People are *afraid to walk* at night (in a neighborhood that has been
- > touted as a new live-work neighborhood)
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- > Our two BIDs have done everything we can to ameliorate, partner and be a
- > constructive presence. Most recently, both BIDs supported Measure HHH and

> now Measure H. We are educating people about the county sales tax

> measure. We support local nonprofits with funds from our security dollars,

> and we convene a community-wide coalition. We are converting two of our

> BID patrol personnel into full time homeless outreach workers, starting in

> February, because there is no other meaningful outreach happening in

> Hollywood right now.

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> If Measure H passes – and we will do what we can to support – I hope some

> of those funds could be used to *reinstate our Hollywood shelter* (PATH

> closed down last summer). There is simply no place to take people who want

> to get off the street.

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> Finally, *we would very much appreciate someone from the Mayor's office to

> come again to the Board meetings for both BIDs to explain what the

> short-term strategy is on a go-forward basis*. We are certainly grateful

> the voters passed HHH – but that has a longer term roll-out. Hollywood has

> much at stake with the investments being made to attract new jobs and

> residents. We don't know where else to turn except to our elected

> officials for help.

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> Sincerely,

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> Kerry

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> *KERRY MORRISON*

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> *Executive Director*

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> [Hollywood Property Owners Alliance]

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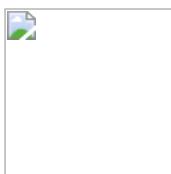
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